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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.  
Senator John M. Sullivan, Rushville, Illinois, presiding.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

August 11, 2007

Honorable Deborah Shipley  
Secretary of the Senate  
Room 401  
Capitol Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Secretary Shipley:

Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation No. 2007-266, filed in my office on August 11, 2007, by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, calling for a Special Session of the 95th General Assembly, to begin at 5:15 p.m. on August 12, 2007.

A notice and accompanying Proclamation will be distributed to each Member's Springfield office.

Sincerely,  
s/Jesse White  
Secretary of State

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is the financial oversight and regional planning body for the three public transit operators in northeastern Illinois: the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra commuter rail and Pace suburban bus; and

WHEREAS, the RTA is an important public asset that generates an annual economic impact of more than \$12 billion to the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, two million riders per day use the CTA, Metra commuter rail or Pace suburban bus; and

WHEREAS, downstate public transportation provides access to health care, the work place, and educational activities for individuals in Illinois' many downstate communities; and

WHEREAS, strengthening Illinois' transit system will enhance residents' quality of life by reducing pollution as well as traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, revenues to support transit are not keeping up with increased maintenance, repair and transit costs potentially necessitating additional state funding; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Constitution requires the General Assembly to make appropriations for the expenditure of public funds for the fiscal year for State departments, authorities, and public agencies;

[August 12, 2007]

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, in duly constituted quorums capable of conducting business, in a special session to commence on August 12, 2007, at 5:15 p.m., to consider funding for the Regional Transportation Authority, the Chicago Transit Authority, and downstate public transportation.

s/Rod Blagojevich  
Governor

Dated: August 11, 2007

At the hour of 5:17 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand adjourned until Monday, August 13, 2007, at 2:15 o'clock p.m.

[August 12, 2007]